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To: Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

Office of the Secretary

445 12th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

Request for Waiver

CC Docket No. 02-6

Request waiver of the Rules on Deadlines to File for Invoice Extension
Universal Service Program for Schools and Libraries ("E-Rate Program")

Submitted by:

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School District Unit 46

Billed Entity Number: 135381

Funding Year: 2007-2008

Form 471 Number: 574489

Funding Request Number (FRN): 1587366

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Illinois School District U-46 ("SD U-46") is respectfully submitting this Request for Waiver of the Rules of the Universal Service Program for Schools and Libraries ("E-rate Program") to allow U-46 to submit for appropriate invoicing and discount of its eligible telecommunications services for the FY2007 year, based on the funding commitment in the FRN cited above.

The details of the Funding Commitment to date are as follows:

Pre-Discount Commitment Amount: \$174, 657.24

USAC Funding Commitment: \$113, 527.21

Discount Level: 65%

Funding Received to Date: \$25, 969.63

Amount Remaining: \$87,557.58

Last Date to Invoice: 10/28/2008

SD U-46 asks the FCC to grant a Waiver of the Rules to allow the USAC-SLD to permit SD U-46 to complete the funding commitment. Due to a series of reasons, primary of which was a delay in billing from our service provider (Illinois Bell) and the accuracy of charges made to us, SD U-46 could not appropriately file a BEAR form for reimbursement on these services.

The issue stems from our services moving from a long-standing single-billing agreement to a traditional monthly billing format, and the invoicing delays within that transition. As noted above, we were able to receive a portion of the funding under the old billing format, but could not under the new contractual arrangement due to a lack of billing and billing inaccuracies. As a result, we could not verify the services and proper amounts for payments on the invoices, and accordingly could not request reimbursement for E-rate funds. Please see the attached BEAR form requesting only a small portion of the approved funding.

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Since this time, the billing issues have been addressed, and SD U-46 now feels it can request reimbursements of funds in accordance with E-rate rules.

Payments for the services rendered have been made to the service provider and we are now looking to request a reimbursement that was approved. The SD U46 could not ask for the reimbursement and the BEAR filing window is now closed.

We note here that the Waiver of the Rules would serve the public interest by allowing the District to pay its eligible telecommunications services, without adversely affecting current or future E-rate applicants.

SD U-46 serves 41,402 students for a wide range of socio-economic groups, 46% of our children receive free or reduced lunches. As with many schools across the nation, our District has tackled budget and service cuts including teacher reductions in the face of declining education dollars. E-rate support is critical to our ability to serve our students and staff. Therefore the School District would be highly appreciative for the approval of this Waiver of Rules request.

Please feel free to call, write, or email any questions or concerns.

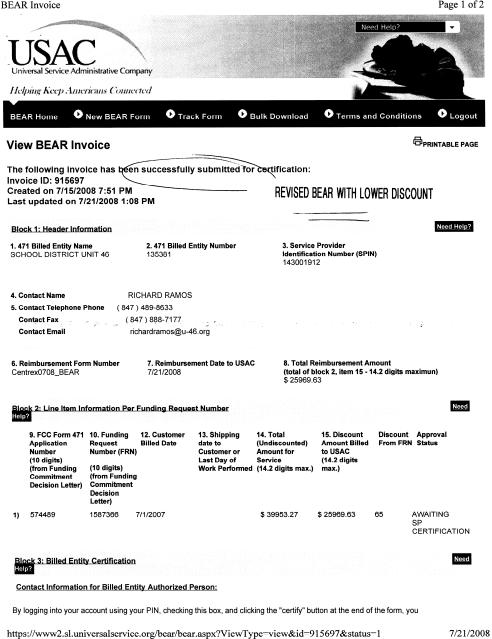
Gratefully,

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have electronically signed the form. You are reminded that an electronic signature is the same as a handwritten signature

To see a copy of the Terms and Conditions to which you previously agreed, please click on the "Terms and Conditions" menu above.

Submission Date7/21/2008

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Additional Comments:

OMB Number 3060 - 0856 Form 472

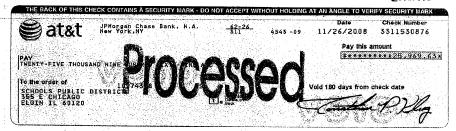
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